

SENATE BILL 167

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By: **Senator West**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Social Work Examiners – Temporary License to Practice Social**
3 **Work**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Social Work Examiners to issue a
5 temporary license to practice social work to certain applicants who meet certain
6 requirements; providing that a temporary license issued to a bachelor social worker
7 or master social worker authorizes the holder to practice social work only under
8 certain supervision while the license is effective; providing that a temporary license
9 issued to a certified social worker or certified social worker–clinical authorizes the
10 holder to practice social work while the license is effective; providing that a
11 temporary license is valid until certain notification; altering the definition of a
12 certain term; defining a certain term; making conforming changes; and generally
13 relating to a temporary license to practice social work.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article – Health Occupations
16 Section 19–101(a)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Article – Health Occupations
21 Section 19–101(e) and 19–310(a)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

24 BY adding to
25 Article – Health Occupations
26 Section 19–101(w) and 19–309.1
27 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health Occupations

19–101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(e) “License” means, unless the context requires otherwise[, one]:

(1) ONE of four types of licenses issued by the Board authorizing an individual to practice:

[(1)] (I) Bachelor social work;

[(2)] (II) Master social work;

[(3)] (III) Certified social work; or

[(4)] (IV) Certified social work–clinical; **OR**

(2) A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.

(W) “TEMPORARY LICENSE” MEANS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD UNDER, AND AS LIMITED BY, § 19–309.1 OF THIS TITLE TO PRACTICE:

(1) BACHELOR SOCIAL WORK;

(2) MASTER SOCIAL WORK;

(3) CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORK; OR

(4) CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORK–CLINICAL.

19–309.1.

(A) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT WHO, EXCEPT FOR PASSING AN EXAMINATION OTHERWISE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, HAS MET THE APPROPRIATE EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER § 19–302 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO PRACTICE:

- 1 **(1) BACHELOR SOCIAL WORK;**
2 **(2) MASTER SOCIAL WORK;**
3 **(3) CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORK; OR**
4 **(4) CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORK–CLINICAL.**

5 **(B) (1) A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED TO A BACHELOR SOCIAL WORKER**
6 **OR MASTER SOCIAL WORKER AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK**
7 **IN THE STATE ONLY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A BOARD–APPROVED**
8 **SUPERVISOR WHILE THE TEMPORARY LICENSE IS EFFECTIVE.**

9 **(2) A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED TO A CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER**
10 **OR CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER–CLINICAL AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO PRACTICE**
11 **SOCIAL WORK IN THE STATE WHILE THE TEMPORARY LICENSE IS EFFECTIVE.**

12 **(C) A TEMPORARY LICENSE IS VALID UNTIL:**

13 **(1) NOTIFICATION OF EXPIRATION BY THE BOARD FOR THE**
14 **LICENSEE’S FAILURE TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE EXAM;**

15 **(2) NOTIFICATION OF SUSPENSION FOR THE LICENSEE’S FAILURE TO**
16 **SUBMIT EXAM RESULTS TO THE BOARD; OR**

17 **(3) NOTIFICATION OF PERMANENT LICENSURE.**

18 19–310.

19 (a) Unless the Board agrees to accept the surrender of a license, a licensed social
20 worker **OR THE HOLDER OF A TEMPORARY LICENSE** may not surrender the license nor
21 may the license lapse by operation of law while the licensee is under investigation or while
22 charges are pending against the social worker.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2021.